

(Washington, DC)— Today Congresswoman Gwen Moore and Senator Herb Kohl announced the award of a \$3,445,200 grant from the Department of Transportation for improvements to the I-94 Marquette Interchange, to be used for interchange reconstruction.

“The reconstruction of the Marquette Interchange is an ambitious project that will ultimately increase safety and help reduce traffic congestion,” said Senator Kohl. “I’m proud of the work that Congresswoman Moore and I have done to help secure funds for this important infrastructure.”

“By continuing to improve the Marquette Interchange, we’re keeping Southeastern Wisconsin and its residents up-to-speed,” said Congresswoman Moore. “Making sure that Milwaukee is easy to travel to and through also serves to entice potential employers as they consider which city would be most welcoming for their expanding business.”

The Marquette Interchange plays a vital role in Milwaukee's infrastructure and is central to the flow of traffic throughout the entire region. Most area freeways intersect at the Interchange, which links over 300,000 vehicles each day—roughly one-third of Wisconsin's freeway traffic—to the rest of the country. Currently, the daily number of vehicles that use the Marquette Interchange amounts to twice the traffic it was designed to carry when it was opened in 1968. Repairs will enable the Interchange to better serve the nearly 4,300 private businesses, 121,600 private jobs, and 7 million visitors that rely on the highway each year.

Senator Kohl and Congresswoman Moore were successful in securing funding for the Marquette Interchange reconstruction in last year’s Transportation Reauthorization bill, which funds the nation’s transportation system for the next five years.

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